

# THE ADAMS SENTINEL.

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"BEBEY WITH CARE THE SPIRIT OF INNOVATION UPON THE PRINCIPLES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER SPECIOUS THY PRETEXTS." — Washington's Farewell Address

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## CONDITIONS.

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## CONVENTION.

ANTI-MASONIC STATE CONVENTION,  
To be held at Harrisburg, on the 25th of February, 1830.

At the State Convention, in Harrisburg, on the 25th inst., it was resolved—

1. "That a general committee of correspondence and public safety for the state, to consist of eleven, be appointed, with authority to call a State Convention, whenever the public interest shall require it."

2. "That the Convention highly approve of the holding of a United States Anti Masonic Convention, as recommended by our sister state of New York, on the 11th of September, 1830, at the city of Philadelphia."

3. "That the general committee of correspondence of the state, be authorised to point out the mode or manner by which delegates shall be chosen, to represent this state, in said Convention, at any time when, in their view, it shall be most advisable so to do."

After much reflection, and careful consultation with friends in various parts of the State, the Committee are of opinion, that the public interest requires a State Convention to be held at Harrisburg, on the last Thursday, (the 25th) of February, 1830.

Samuel Parkes, Amos Ellmaker,  
Arthur Andrews, William M. Clure,  
Archibald Orme, Geo. W. Harris,  
John Ritchie, William Rutherford,  
Charles Ogle, Abraham Morrison,  
John Geddes,

The General Committee of Correspondence, and Public Safety.

In pursuance of the above notice, those citizens of Adams county opposed to Secret Societies, are requested to meet at the usual places of township election, on Saturday the 26th day of December inst., to elect delegates to meet at the Court house, in Gettysburg, on the Monday following, (the 28th) to elect delegates to represent this County in the above named State Convention. It is hoped that the several townships will be represented, as other business of importance will be submitted to the delegates. Unwearied diligence is necessary to suppress the secret and dangerous order of Nobility which now controls our destinies.

MANY ANTI-MASONS.

Dec. 8.

## ONCE MORE!

THOSE indebted to me either by Note or Book account, of a longer standing than six months, are called upon indiscriminately for immediate payment, and save costs.

GEORGE ARNOLD.

Dec. 9.

## PUBLIC SALE.

WILL be offered at Public Sale, on Friday the 23rd of December inst. at 2 o'clock, P. M. on the premises,

Two Lots of Ground, situated on the west side of the street in Millerton, Adams county, on which are erected a two-story Dwelling-house, Store Room, and Stabling. The situation is well calculated for any kind of business, as any in the place.

The conditions of Sale will be made known by

JOHN JONES, Agent  
For John Felix.

Dec. 9.

## TAVERN STAND FOR RENT.

WILL be offered for Rent, by Public Vendue, on Saturday the 2d of January next, on the premises,

A VALUABLE BRICK

TAVERN STAND, in Hunter's-town, now occupied by Frederick Keefus. The house, stabling &c. is all in complete order. Vendue will commence at 12 o'clock, M. when attendance will be given by

JACOB MARIA DICKSON.

Dec. 9.

## INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

DELIVERED BY

GEORGE WOLF,

On his Inauguration as Governor of Pennsylvania, Tuesday, Dec. 15th, 1829.

FELLOW-CITIZENS:

IN assuming upon myself the execution of the important trust, which by the suffrages of my fellow citizens has been conferred upon me, I avail myself of this solemn occasion, thus publicly, to express to those citizens my grateful acknowledgments for their unmerited kindness, so freely and so significantly bestowed, and to assure them of the anxious solicitude I shall ever feel

for their welfare and happiness, and of my unceasing endeavors, whilst in their service, to merit in some measure this distinguished mark of their confidence.

If, in the course of the frequent vicissitudes and changes inseparable from our elective form of government, but salutary and essential to the preservation

of its purity, and the faithful administration of its concerns, the wisest and most experienced of our citizens, when called to discharge its highest functions, have not failed to evince

those sensations of disfidence and self-distrust, which the magnitude and difficulty of the trust inspired; what feelings of despondency and fearful anxiety must not be awakened in the breast

of him, one of the humblest of your citizens, who is about to enter upon the same arduous duties, under circumstances at once adverse, intricate and embarrassing, who can lay no claim to

other than the ordinary endowments of nature, and who cannot fail to be peculiarly conscious of his own deficiencies and imperfections.

But if, notwithstanding all the discouraging circumstances by which I feel myself surrounded, an honest zeal for the public good; if an ardent desire to promote the general welfare and happiness of the people; if an assiduous

and untiring devotion to the advancement of their best interests; and if an unwearied industry in the faithful discharge of official duties, can in any measure compensate for the absence of

those accomplishments & attainments, so necessary and desirable in the character of a Chief Magistrate of a great

and growing commonwealth, or will in some degree justify the choice which

its citizens have made, I trust I may be permitted to say, without incurring the imputation either of vanity or presumption, that such shall not be wanting on my part.

That in the discharge of the various and complicated duties which have been assigned to me, I shall often err, admits of no doubt; to be exempt from

error is not the lot of frail humanity. Voluntary errors will not be committed. For such as are involuntary, and result from the weakness and imperfection of our nature, I shall bespeak

the indulgence and forbearance of my fellow-citizens, firmly relying on their candor, intelligence, & discrimination, to ascribe them to the proper source.

In administering the affairs of the government, the Constitutions of this State and of the Union, which, in your presence, I have, this day, solemnly sworn to support, will be my guides.

The immutable principles of justice & of equal rights, on which they are based, will be zealously guarded and maintained. The powers vested in the executive branch of the government by the Constitution, will be exercised with that caution and discretion which their importance demands, and so as in no case to transcend the limits prescribed by that instrument. All laws, the execution of which falls within the scope of executive duties, will be carried into effect, in such manner as to ensure equal and exact justice to all.

The republican maxims, that the people are the source of all political power; that governments are instituted for their benefit; that those who administer them are their servants, bound to obey their will, so far as that will can be distinctly known or ascertained; accountable to them for all their official acts, and responsible to them for all wilful omissions of duty, have been, and will continue to be, cherished by me.

In the distribution of the Executive patronage, the most delicate, and certainly the least desirable of all its operations, the public good alone will be consulted; selfish considerations will be repudiated and rejected. Offices have been established by the constitution and laws of the commonwealth, for the accommodation and convenience of

the operations of the government in all its various ramifications and de-

tails. Secures never were contemplated either by the framers of the Constitution, or the Legislature. No individual, therefore, can expect to be appointed to an office of trust or profit,

until he shall have established a character for moral integrity, industry, sobriety, and a capacity to discharge his official duties personally and without a reliance on others. Justice to the public, as well as the moral character of the State itself, demand a rigid adherence to this rule; and it is earnestly hoped and expected, that every good

citizen of the Commonwealth will contribute his aid to carry it into complete operation and effect.

He who has been dishonest in his private transactions, or has proved unfaithful in the matter of a private trust, can have no claim to public confidence; it would be inequitable and unjust, that the idle, incompetent individual should be suffered to

pocket the emoluments of an office, the duties of which he has neither the capacity nor the inclination to perform, whilst the competent, industrious citizen, who would discharge its duties

with honor to himself and advantage to the public, is doomed to be overlooked and neglected. Sound morality as well as public policy require, that the ruinous and desolating sin of impotence should be disengaged and rooted out of society, not encouraged by the bestowal of places of trust and profit on its votaries.

It is manifest from the nature and design of our civil institutions, that those to whom any part of the public business is entrusted, should be such as would make it their business, not only thoroughly to understand their duty, but who will, also, industriously and faithfully attend to its performance.

To maintain relations with the general government and those of our sister states, at once friendly and conciliatory, will be my constant aim; to sustain the former in all its measures, tending to

promote the general welfare, as it will be my duty, so also will it accord with my inclination and best wishes; should encroachments unhappily be made by either, on the rights of the state or any of its citizens, they will be resisted in a

manner becoming the dignity of a great and independent sovereignty.

With regard to the great question of internal improvement (about which there appears to be some diversity of opinion, and upon which it may be ex- pected that I should express my own,) whether considered in reference to the

powers of the general government, to aid in constructing works of internal improvement, of a national character, by the appropriations of money for such objects; or in reference to the policy of this state, in constructing useful and necessary works of improvement

within its own limits, at its own expense, and under the immediate super- vision and control of its constituted au- thorities, I can truly say, that I have

never doubted the former, and that nothing has yet transpired to induce me to question the latter.

That Pennsylvania, patriotic, enlightened and prosperous, blessed with a constitution securing to her citizens the highest privileges man is destined to enjoy upon the earth; containing a population, intelligent, industrious and enterprising, and possessing a soil capa-

ble of the highest possible state of cultivation, rich in her agricultural, her manufacturing and mineral productions, is destined, at no remote period, by a wise course of legislation and a skilful husbanding of her resources, to become, as from her local position and physical advantages she so pre-eminently enjoys, she of right ought to be, the brightest star in our political galaxy, can scarce-

ly admit of a doubt. First in the march of internal improvement, Pennsylva- nia will be the last to recede from a system which promises so much, and from which, by pursuing a judicious and prudent course of policy, there is

so little to fear. A system of internal improvement, progressive in its char- acter, advancing towards its final con-

summation, steadily but surely, conducted skilfully and on principles of pru- dence and economy; not suffered in its

course to outstrip the credit, or to impair the public confidence in the fiscal operations of the state, ought, in my opinion, to form a prominent feature in our state policy.

The internal wealth and resources of the state, consisting of agricultural pro-

ductions, which may be increased to an incalculable extent, of iron ore and

coal, anthracite and bituminous, imbed-

ded in our hills and our vallies, almost without limit and without stint; be-

sides a variety of other valuable pro-

ductions which are constantly devel-

oping themselves, cannot be made a-

available to their possessors, or to add

to the general wealth and prosperity of

the community, without the aid of such

artificial communications as will facil-

itate their transportation and convey-

ance from the places where they are

produced or deposited, to such points

and places where they may be profit-

ably converted and disposed of to the

uses for which God and Nature has de-

signed them. But to open such com-

munications must be the work of time;

to enable our citizens to reap the golden

harvest, anticipated, we must not suf-

fer our impatience to force us into mea-

sures which in the end may greatly re-

tard, if not entirely defeat the object

we have so much at heart, by attempt-

ing too much we shall only embarrass

our operations, and protract the accom-

plishment of our designs; the credit of

the state, and the public confidence in

its ability to meet its engagements, must

keep pace with the spirit of improve-

ment, to ensure its success; should these

fail, the system itself must sink—a

gainst such a state of things it is our

duty to guard. As a real friend to a

system of internal improvement such

as I have described, as one to whom

the character as well as the prosperity

of the state, and the comforts and con-

veniences of all its citizens, cannot fail

to be subjects of the deepest solicitude

and concern, I will take occasion res-

pectfully to suggest, whether we would

not be more likely to ensure success to

the system itself, by confining, for the

present, all our energies as well as all

the means of the state to the works al-

ready commenced, and to the gradual

extension of such as require to be ex-

tended to answer their original design,

or to render them useful and profitable

to the public; thereby ensuring their

speedy completion and securing to the

treasury an additional source of reve-

nue which will relieve it from embarr-

agement, inspire confidence, that they, too,

are objects of care and solicitude of

those who emphatically are the guar-

diants of the people's rights.

It will

Our judiciary system, too, would seem to require revision, and ought, it is believed, to form another subject for the serious deliberations of the Legislature. Under the present system, the time of the judges of the supreme court is so constantly engrossed and occupied, and their labors have become so onerous and incessant, that there is no opportunity afforded for reading or reflection, which, to inspire confidence in their decisions on new and important questions, which are constantly arising, and which are to become the settled law of the land, are all essential and important: besides, the constant accumulation of business arising from obvious causes, notwithstanding the efforts of the judges to keep it down, and the unavoidable delays consequent thereon, are becoming evils of no small magnitude. Whether establishing a tribunal to sit as a court of errors and appeals; increasing the number of judges on the bench of the supreme court, or so organizing the present courts as to ensure a more equal distribution of labor among the judges of the supreme court, and those of the common pleas, having a tendency to expedite the public business, and to give more vigor and efficiency to the administration of the laws, would afford the better remedy, is a question submitted with great deference to the wisdom of the Legislature.

With an anxious desire on my part, to cultivate a spirit of friendship, harmony and good will with all those connected with the administration of the government, and more especially with those who constitute its legislative department, I pledge myself, that to all their measures tending to promote the public good, I will yield a cheerful and hearty concurrence, asking in return a reciprocity of good feeling on their part, together with their aid and co-operation in such measures, tending to the same object, as the Executive may from time to time find it necessary and expedient to recommend.

Permit me, fellow citizens, before closing this address, to congratulate you on the happy state and condition of the commonwealth, and of our common country. Whilst in the old world we find one portion of it has been visited with the desolating scourge of war, and drenched with the blood of its unoffending subjects, and other portions of it have been convulsed by internal commotions, and risings of the people, driven to desperation by the chilling hand of poverty, or the more deadly and desolate grasp of absolute famine and want, the natural concomitants of arbitrary power and oppression—we have been permitted to enjoy the inestimable blessings of a profound peace; of prosperity unequalled in the history of nations; of a government based immediately on the will of the people, and administered on the purest principles of republican simplicity: of laws mild and humane, administered peacefully but promptly, and executed even unto the death of the offender, without tumult or confusion, and without producing other sensations in the public mind, than those of acquiescence in, or submission to, the justice of the penalties they inflict; of liberty, civil and religious, secured to us by written constitutions, bearing in their train the freedom of speech, the freedom of the Press, and last, though not least, the free exercise of the rights of conscience—privileges which, it is devoutly hoped, no American citizen will ever relinquish, but with his life, whatever may be the specious pretext to induce the sacrifice.

In short, we inhabit a country, which, from its earliest infancy to the present day, Providence, by the most signal manifestations of its goodness and protecting care, seems to have distinctly marked for its own. And permit me here emphatically to say, that if there is a nation on the face of the earth, which, more than any other, is bound to be devoted to its God by all the sacred ties of gratitude and love, that nation is the American people.

Having now, fellow-citizens, briefly delineated to you some of the general principles, by which, in the course of my administration, I shall be governed, and adverted to others which will be cherished and maintained, I shall, in the fear, and, as I humbly trust, under the guidance and direction, of that all wise Being, in whose hands are the destinies of men and of nations, proceed to the discharge of my duty.

**Speedy Punishment.**—A man stole a horse in Sussex county, Delaware, and was arrested on the 17th ult.—he was arraigned and found guilty on the 18th, and sentenced to restore fourfold the value of the said horse—to be set on the public pillory for the space of one hour—to be publicly whipped with thirty-nine lashes upon the bare back, well laid on, and to be disposed of as a servant to the highest and best bidder for seven years, which sentence was executed on the 19th, including only three days ride from freedom and independence to the whipping post,

### Summary statement of the Receipts and Payments at the Treasury of Pennsylvania, for the year commencing 1st Dec. 1828, and ending 30th Nov. 1829.

#### RECEIPTS.

Lands and office fees 627,290 79

Auction commissions 20,000  
Auction duties 140,518 73  
Dividends on bank stock 121,289 00  
Do. on bridge and turnpike stock 19,340 00  
Tax on bank dividends 23,184 07  
Tax on offices 9,245 33  
Fees Secretary of state's office 1,779 23  
Tavern licenses 50,031 67  
Duties on dealers in foreign mer- chandise 62,667 92

State Maps 691 36  
Collateral inheritances 10,742 19  
Pamphlet laws 2,000 71  
Militia and exempt fines 210 00  
Echeates 74 24

Commissioners of the internal im- provement fund 200,000 00  
Loans 2,811,238 38

Old debts and miscellaneous 9,738 38

3,610,338 02

Balance in the treasury 1st December, 1828 189,816 48

3,800,158 49

#### PAYMENTS.

Internal Improvements 3,049,893 01  
Expenditure of government 218,393 85

Military expenses 17,738 22  
Pensions and gratuities 27,800 32  
Education 16,702 48  
Interest on loans 91,725 00  
Internal improvement fund 166,787 18  
Pennsylvania claimants 978 92

State maps 542 28  
Penitentiary at Philadelphia 6,000 00  
Penitentiary near Pittsburg 5,466 25  
Conveying convicts 411 27  
Conveying fugitives 287 58  
House of Refuge 2,500 00  
Miscellaneous 17,550 16

3,624,777 51

Balance in the treasury 1st December, 1829 175,375 98

3,800,153 49

**Astonishing Speed.**—The President's Message was received in New York from Washington, by express, in fifteen and a half hours—distance about two hundred and twenty-five miles.

It was but six hours in passing from Philadelphia to New York, including some delay in consequence of the loss of a fine horse between Bristol and Trenton. The distance from New Brunswick to Jersey City, thirty-five miles, was run in one hour and forty minutes. It reached Boston at twenty-three minutes after seven o'clock, on Wednesday evening. It was carried from Hartford to Boston in the short space of six hours and eight minutes, a distance of one hundred miles. The distance from Washington to Boston is about five hundred miles, and was performed in thirty hours and forty-eight minutes. On the western route, it reached Frederick in 3h. 20m. 42 miles over a bad road, Hagerstown, in 5h. 17 m. Cumberland, 157 miles, in 12 hours. Pittsburg, in 24 hours. Wheeling, on the Ohio, in 22 hours; and Washington, Pa. 240, in 19 hours! It has been published in New Orleans ere this time, a distance of 1800 miles from Washington City.

**Virginia Convention.**—On Saturday last, the proposition of Mr. Gordon, which has already been published, was rejected in the Convention, and Mr. Upshut's resolution, which is in the following words, was agreed to—Ayes 49.

"Resolved, That the Legislature shall have power to re-arrange the representation in both Houses of the General Assembly once in every year, upon a fair average of the following ratios, viz.: 1st, of white population; 2d, of the federal numbers."

The whole Legislative report was thus disposed of. This appears to us, at a distance, but an indifferent expedient for terminating the contest between numbers and property. The Richmond Whig expresses the confident opinion that "a Constitution founded upon such a basis will be rejected by the People of Virginia."—Nat. Int. Dec. 10.

**Rights of the Clergy.**—In the existing constitution of Virginia, there is a provision excluding Clergymen from the Legislature of that state. A similar provision was incorporated in the draft reported by the Legislative Committee of the Convention now in session. On motion to strike out this provision, the question being taken, it was rejected, twelve only voting in the affirmative, among whom we are happy to observe the name of Madison. We regret the decision, feeling as we do, an interest in the reputation of a deliberative body assembled for the purpose of laying the foundation of the rights and happiness

of the people of a sovereign member of our Union. At the same time we attribute their error not to the want of correct and liberal feeling, but to habits of thinking, derived from the contemplation of abuses existing in other countries, under circumstances which can never, we hope, take place in our country. The Constitution of the United States, the Constitutions of eighteen of the several States, and those indeed of the six remaining States, so far as general history is concerned, recognize no

distinction of calling and profession among citizens. They carefully separate the Judicial, Executive, and Legislative powers, and leave the path to the Bench, the Chief Magistracy and the Legislature, open to all. Excluding ministers of the gospel from the Legislature, from the avowed dread of a union of Church and State, the Virginia Convention fall into the very error which they propose to avoid. The first step to that dangerous Union of power is to draw a distinction between the clerical and other professions.

Make the clergy a body distinct from that of the mass of the people, either by privilege or restriction, and they become separated, in feeling and interest, from the people; they are formed into a party, formidable from unity, and es-

tate du corps, from a universal and deep sense of injury, if their rights are curtailed, and from a no less dangerous arrogance, if they are privileged. A body of men, numerous, intelligent and influential, as are the clergy in the U. States, would become dangerous indeed, if united by their wrongs or their privileges. They would soon make terms with other parties, either posses-

sing or attempting to seize power,

and thus effect at once, the dreaded U-

nion of Church and State.

The profession of Law and Physic, if treated by the government, in a simi-

lar manner, would soon become alike

dangerous. But leave all professions

on the same footing, in regard to civil

and political rights, and they will be a-

like harmless. Boston Palladium.

The last Message of Governor GILES (no longer re-eligible) was transmitted

to the Legislature of Virginia on the 7th

inst. The following paragraph of it is

the only one which appears to us to

possess any remarkable interest:

"It would give me unspeakable plea-

sure, to be enabled to assure the General

Assembly of happy results to the Com-

monwealth, from the proceedings of

the Convention; but it is with unfeign-

ed sorrow of heart, that I find myself

compelled in candor, to state, that from

all the prognostics now before us, I an-

anticipate the result of its proceedings

more in a spirit of fear than of hope.—

Most reluctantly am I compelled to fear

that nothing short of an increasing

spirit of mutual conciliation and con-

cession among ourselves, or a special

interposition of a superintending Prov-

idence, can save us from the mischiefs

of our own misconceptions, mistaken

theories, and imaginary delusive hopes

and expectations."

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.

**Specie.**—The Philadelphia United States Gazette says, "825,000 were received yesterday at the U. S. Bank in this city from New York." The banks of New York would be glad, we pre-

sume, to send a much larger amount to

Philadelphia, if any good use could be

made of it there. Specie is so abun-

dant here, that the bank clerks take it

in deposit, with, to say the least, no ex-

pression of pleasure. Spanish dollars

are without a premium, and would be

at a discount, were it not that the banks

are compelled to receive them. China

was once, by its own peculiar policy,

the receiver of our surplus specie: but

the policy which considers specie the

only thing of value, has checked that

traffic, and now we are suffering a surfeit

of dollars. N. Y. Jour. Com.

A bright prospect seems to be open-

ing upon our navigation from the Black

Sea—at any rate a very prevalent ex-

pectation exists that a new field for A-

merican enterprise is about to present

itself in that quarter. There is no tel-

ling what Yankee adventure may effect

—it may by and by produce a most un-

oriental state of things in that region.

Brother Jonathan would indeed appear

as a singular guest at first; but it seems

to be generally supposed that he would

be well received by the "turbaned

Turk," and his efforts and skill well

rewarded. New Bedford Mer.

From the New-York Journal of Commerce.

Concerning the United States Bank,

the President says—"It must be admitt-

ed by all, that it has failed in the great

end of establishing a uniform and

sound currency." It has, however, es-

tablished as much uniformity as in the

nature of the case is practicable. The

extensive business which it has carried

on in exchange between the different

sections of our country, and between

this and foreign countries has been a

source of great accommodation and e-

conomy to the community. It has

counteracted the fluctuations in rates of

exchange, and diminished the loss on

premiums by at least one quarter, com-

pared with what it would have been

under the more limited resources of

the local banks and the brokers. That

it should maintain the exchange on all

places at par, is scarcely desirable, even

where it is possible, as it certainly is not

possible. The currents of business

which set from north to south and

from south to north, would sweep a

way the Bank, even though its capital

were \$100,000,000 instead of \$35,000,000. Such a Bank as the President proposes, founded upon the credit of the Government and its revenues, would almost of course be badly managed. It would be an enormous monopoly to the Government or to entire branch of trade, and an engine of power at which, under political management, all business would tremble. In consequence of this part of the message, U. S. Bank stock sunk on Wednesday, from 125 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 120 per cent., & in the afternoon, we are told, the price was still lower. The sensation abroad, among those who hold or deal in this stock, will at least be as great as at



## THE PARTERRE.

UTILE CUM DULCI.

### LEGAL WHISKERS.

As over their wine and walnuts we talk  
of this and then of that,  
Two wights well learned in the law,  
That is, well skilled to find a flaw;  
And one companion to the other,  
"How is it, most respected brother,  
That you of late have shaved away  
These whiskers, which for many a day  
Had ornamented much your cheek?"  
"Sir, I was an idle, silly freak!"  
To whom the other answer gave,  
With a look half merry and half grave,  
"The 'k' therein be whiskers graced,  
A LAWYER CAN'T BE TOO BARFACED."

From the Journal of Health.

### Rules for Preserving the Sight.

The preservation of the sight is an object of so much importance to every individual, whatever may be his profession or rank in society, that we have thought a few hints in relation to this subject might be productive of beneficial effects.

It is well known to the physician that nothing more certainly impairs the sense of vision than debauchery and excess of every kind. The individual, therefore, who would preserve his sight unspared, must avoid carefully every species of intemperance. This is an all important rule, neglect of which will render every other of but little avail.

A long continuance in absolute darkness, or frequent and protracted exposure to a noize flight, equally injures the sense of vision.

Persons who live almost constantly in dark caverns or chambers, workers in mines, and visitors who have been long confined in gloomy dungeons, become incapable of seeing objects distinctly, excepting in deep shade, or in the dusk of the evening. While on the other hand, in various parts of the world, in which the light is constantly reflected from a soil dazzling whiteness, or from mountains and plains covered with almost perpetual snows, the sight of the inhabitants is perfect only in broad day light, or at noon.

Those, also, who are much exposed to bright fires, as blacksmiths, glassmen, forgers, and others engaged in similar employments, are considered, by the best authorities, as most subject to loss of sight from cataract.

All brilliant illuminated apartments have a similar prejudicial effect upon the eyes, though, undoubtedly, not to the same extent. As a general rule, therefore, the eye should never be permitted to dwell on brilliant or glaring objects for any length of time. Hence in our apartments, only a moderate degree of light should be admitted; and it would be of considerable advantage, particularly to those whose eyes are already weak, if in place of pure white or deep red color for the walls, curtains, and other furniture of our rooms, some shade of green were to be adopted.

Reading or writing in the dust of the evening, or by candlelight, is highly prejudicial. The frivolous attention to a quarter of an hour at the decline of day, has deprived numbers of the perfect and comfortable use of their eyes for many years: the mischief is effected imperceptibly, the consequences are often irreparable.

There is nothing which preserves the sight longer, than always using, in reading, writing, sewing, and every other occupation in which the eyes are constantly exercised, that moderate degree of light which is best suited to them; too little strains them, too great a quantity dazzles and confounds them. The eyes are less affected, however, by a deficiency of light than by the excess of it. The former seldom does much if any harm, unless the eyes are strained by efforts to view objects to which the degree of light is inadequate—but too great a quantity has, by its own power, destroyed the sight.

The long-sighted should accustom themselves to read with rather less light, and with the book somewhat nearer to the eye than they ordinarily desire; while those that are short-sighted should, on the contrary, use themselves to read with the book as far off as possible. By these means both may improve and strengthen their vision, whereas a contrary course will increase its natural imperfections.

Bathing the eyes daily in cold or tepid water tends to preserve the integrity of their functions; provided, however, the individual does not immediately after such bathing enter a warm room, or unnecessarily exert his sight.

"I am Engaged."—The following is an extract from "The Journal of the Tour of Lafayette in America," written by Mr. Levasseur, his Secretary.

"The American ladies are not more remarkable for their severe conjugal

severity to their engagements. At parties I have often had young ladies pointed out to me of eighteen or nine

whose future husbands, one was in Europe, pursuing his studies, another in China, attending to commercial business, and a third dangerously employed in the whale fishery in the most distant seas. Young girls thus engaged

hold the middle place in society between their still disengaged companions and the married ladies. They have already lost some of the thoughtless gaiety of the former, and assumed a slight tinge of the latter.

The numerous aspirants, designated here by the name of *beaux*, which at first surrounded them and were received, until a choice was made, still bestow upon them delicate attention, but by no means so particular as formerly, and should one of them, either from ignorance or obstinate hopes, persist in offering his heart and hand, the answer "I am engaged," given with a sweet frankness and an indulgent smile, soon destroys all his illusions, without wounding his pride. Engagements of this sort, preceding marriage, are very common, not only in New-York, but throughout the United States; and it is exceedingly rare that they are not fulfilled with religious fidelity. Public opinion is very severe on this point, and does not spare either of the two parties which may dispose of themselves without the consent of the other."

### Hints to People of Moderate Fortune.

We have from time to time read in the *Mosaic Usefuls Journal*, some excellent remarks under the above title—From a late number we extract the following judicious observations:

"Yet it was but lately that I visited a family, not of moderate fortune, but of no fortune at all,—one of those people who lives 'nobody knows how,' and I found a young girl about sixteen practising on the piano, while an elderly lady beside her was darnning her stockings. I was told (for the mother was proud of bringing up her child so gently) that the daughter had almost forgotten how to sew, and that a woman was hired into the house to do her mending. 'But why,' said I, 'have you suffered your daughter to be ignorant of so useful an employment? If she is poor, the knowledge will be necessary to her; if she is rich, it is the easiest thing in the world to lay it aside if she chooses; she will merely be a better judge whether the work is done well by others.' 'I hat is true,' replied the mother; 'and I always meant she should learn; but she has never seemed to have time. When she was eight years old, she could put a shirt together pretty well; but since that, her dancing, and school, have taken up her whole time. I did mean she should learn some domestic habits

this winter; but she has so many visitors, and is obliged to go out so much, that I suppose I must give it up, I don't like to say too much about it; for poor girl! she does so love company; and does so hate any thing like care and confinement! Now is her time to enjoy herself, you know let her take all the comfort she can, while she is single!'" But," said I, "you wish her to marry, some time or other; and in all probability she will marry. When will she learn how to perform the duties which are necessary and important to every mistress of a family?" "Oh! she will learn them when she is obliged to," answered the judicious mother; "at all events, I am determined she shall enjoy herself while she is yet young."

And this is the way I have often heard mothers talk! Yet could parents foresee the almost inevitable consequences of such a system, I believe the weakest and vainest would abandon the false and dangerous theory. What a lesson is taught a girl in that sentence, "Let her enjoy herself all she can while she is single!" Instead of representing domestic life as the gathering place of the deepest and purest affections,—as the sphere of woman's enjoyments as well as of her duties, as indeed the whole world to her—that one pernicious sentence teaches a girl to consider matrimony desirable because "a good match" is a triumph of vanity, and it is deemed respectable to be "well settled in the world;" but that is a necessary sacrifice of her freedom and her quiet.—And then how many affectionate dispositions have been trained into heartlessness, by being taught that the indulgence of indolence and vanity were necessary to their happiness; and that to have this indulgence, they must marry money! But who that marries for money, in this land of precarious fortunes, can tell how soon they will lose the glittering temptation to which they have been willing to sacrifice so much? And even if riches last as long as life, the evil is not remedied—education has given a wrong end and aim to their whole existence—they have been taught to look for happiness where it never can be found, viz. in the absence of all occupation, or in the unsatisfactory and famous excitement of fashionable competition.

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